



FY2011 (7/1/10 – 6/30/11) Annual Work Plan Franklin Conservation District

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Mission of the Franklin Conservation District

The Franklin Conservation District promotes the conservation & wise use of natural resources by providing educational, technical and financial assistance to natural resource users.

Natural Resource Priorities:

- Water Quantity (use, conservation)
- Soil Quantity, Quality, Health, Erosion Control
- Water Quality Improvement (ground and surface)
- Wildlife Habitat
- Air Quality
- Education (in all above)
- District Operations

Program Area: Water Quantity and Quality

Goal(s): *By January 2015 have a demonstrated increase in: number of irrigated acres; Number of irrigated acres under irrigation water management, the number of water right transfers; the issuance of new water rights, and the amount of water saved and available for use in Franklin County. By January 2015 have a demonstrated increase in: the number of acres enrolled in irrigation water management and nutrient management; the sources of pollution addressed; a decrease in the amount of nitrates in ground water; and improvements in water quality measurements.*

Funding Source(s): *Numerous (See details in notes column)*

Activities for FY2011	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
Provide Irrigation Water Management Technical Assistance and Info/Ed to 40 producers covering 18,000 acres.	7/10 - 6/11	Mark / Heather / Marcus	65	\$15,000	WSCC /Franklin PUD
Provide cost-share and technical assistance to 16 livestock operations to implement nutrient management on 8,000 acres.	7/10 - 6/11	Heather	100	\$24,325	WSCC
Participate as director and oversee implementation of Dairy P.E. Position/Grant with ACD, BCD, MLCD, OCD, SYCD, UGCD, & WCD.	7/10 - 6/11	Heather / Mark	15	\$3,600 \$37,400	Assessment / WSCC
Seek funding for items that expand & enhance FCD's Water Quality Programs.	7/10 – 6/11	Staff	4	\$1,000	Seeking Funding

Continue to implement four county Columbia Basin GWMA project.	7/10 – 6/11	Staff	585	\$152,000	GWMA
Implement NRCS Irrigation Water Management TSP Agreement – Oversee 24 Contracts on 2,000 acres.	7/10 – 6/11	Marc	75	\$18,000	NRCS / WSCC
Participation with FSA & NRCS: EQIP and CSP. Convene Local Working Group.	7/10 – 6/11	Mark / Board	1	\$250	WSCC / Assessment
Meet with County Commissioners on water quality projects and funding.	7/10 – 6/11	Mark / Board	1	\$250	WSCC/ Assessment
Participate with other agencies on agricultural water quality complaints thru MOA.	7/10 – 6/11	Mark / Heather	1	\$250	Assessment
Assist County in Implementation of HB1557, which provides Tax Exemptions on practices that benefit water quality, quantity, & wildlife habitat.	7/10 – 6/11	Mark	1	\$250	Assessment
Work with County Planner, Ecology, WSDA, Board, and Staff on AFO/CAFO activities in County.	7/10– 6/11	Mark / Heather	4	\$1,000	Assessment / WSCC
Respond to requests for water quality information on wells, water systems, wellhead protection, etc. as requested & available.	7/10 – 6/11	Staff	4	\$1,000	WSCC
Continue working with SCBID on USBR water conservation and quality program; publish ET data.	7/10 – 6/11	Mark / Heather	3	\$720	WSCC
Provide staffing for Franklin County Water Conservancy Board (.05 FTE)	7/10 – 6/11	Mark	12	\$4,000	Inter-governmental service agreement / Assessment
Implement Columbia River Water Management Program IWM Grant.	7/10 – 6/11	Mark	116	\$149,000	Ecology / WSCC
Implement Water Conservation Hydrogeologic Modeling Study	7/10 – 6/11	Mark	N/A	\$300,000	Ecology / WSCC

Seek funding for Kahlotus Lake Watershed evaluation and restoration project.	7/10 – 6/11	Staff	4	\$1,000	Seeking Funding
Work with BPA to have Big Bend offer Irrigation Water Management Cost-share Incentives to Big Bend power users.	7/10 – 6/11	Mark	2	\$500	Seeking Funding

Program Area: *Soil Quantity, Quality, Health, Erosion Control and Air Quality*

Goal(s): *By January 2015 have a demonstrated increase in farms at soil loss tolerance level or better; the number of producers understanding soil condition index (SCI); increase in soil biological activity (soil sampling); and numbers of people attempting improvement in soil quantity, quality, etc (people participating). By January 2015 have a demonstrated reduction in PM 10 emissions; # of complaints (dust, odor, smoke); and an increase in # of people served and the number of acres addressed in conservation plans.*

Funding Source(s): *Numerous (See details in notes column)*

Activities for FY2011	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
Respond to requests on Wind Erosion/Dust Control matters.	7/10 – 6/11	Mark / Board	1	\$250	Assessment
Assist in the development of a new deep furrow drill design for use in the dryland.	7/10 – 6/11	Mark / Kara	4	\$1,000	Seeking Funding
Seek funding to develop a workshop to educate producers about soil quality and quantity.	7/10 – 6/11	Heather	1	\$250	Seeking Funding
Implement Franklin County's agricultural burn permit program. Accept burn permit applications and issue burn permits.	7/10 - 6/11	Mark / Heather / Kara / Marc	48	\$11,500	Permit Fees
Explore straw mulcher./spreader, water truck - consider EPA, Ecology, WCC funding, FSA cost-share - Asparagus Growers Assn., rental co.	7/10 - 6/11	Board / Staff	4	\$1,000	Seeking Funding
Demonstrate potential air quality benefits of using a spike wheel applicator, dual boom technology, high pressure injection in the dryland. Try to include these practices in EQIP cost lists under advanced nutrient management.	7/10 – 6/11	Board / Staff	2	\$500	Seeking Funding
Seek funding to implement innovative technologies for the application of soil fumigants used in potato production.	7/10 – 6/11	Heather / Mark	4	\$1,000	Seeking Funding

Program Area: *Wildlife Habitat*

Goal(s): By January 2015 have a demonstrated increase in the acres in 'habitat' balance; in the number of acres of new and enhanced wildlife habitat; and the number and acres of habitat addressed in conservation plans.

Funding Source(s): Numerous (See details in notes column)

Activities for FY2011	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
Provide referrals for tree sales.	7/10 - 6/11	Staff	1	\$250	Assessment
Provide technical input on Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas and provide county residents with assistance in developing mitigation plans to meet Franklin County Critical Area Ordinance requirements.	7/10 - 6/11	Staff	1	TBD	Mitigation Plan Fee
Work with partner agencies to collate existing baseline data for the location and diversity of wildlife habitat in Franklin County.	7/10 – 6/11	Staff	4	\$1,000	Seeking Funding
Seek funding for and implement circle corner and pollinator habitat enhancement projects.	7/10 - 6/11	Staff	14	\$7,500	WSCC / Grants

Program Area: District Operations

Goal(s): By January 2015 have successful district and state audits; a demonstrated increase in people that want to become supervisors; stable funding for programs and operations; and will own our office that is accessible and size appropriate.

Funding Source(s): Numerous (See details in notes column)

Activities for FY2011	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
Prepare Annual Plan of Work and Annual Financial Report.	4/11	Board / Staff	7	\$2,500	Assessment
Implement Staff Sharing Plan with BCD	7/10 - 6/11	Board / Staff	288	\$81,236	BCD
Attend S. Central Area Meeting and WACD Convention.	Fall 2010	Board / Staff	1	\$600	Assessment / WSCC
Maintain contact with County (commissioners, Assessor, & Treasurer) regarding assessment; will provide FCD match for current grants.	7/10 - 6/11	Mark	1	\$600	Assessment
Hold annual Elections and Board Review.	1/10 - 4/09	Mark / Board	3	\$1,000	Assessment
Audit District Financial Books.	4/11	Board	1	N/A	Assessment
Recruit new Associate Board Members; consider non-ag, large					

circle, environmental, media, commodity/crop groups; Board Members invite guest to each meeting; notice in newspaper.	7/10 - 6/11	Board	1	N/A	Assessment
Increase expertise in BARS & accounting procedures & software.	7/10 - 6/11	Heather / Mark / Bookkeeper	2	\$500	Grants
Carry out yearly employee evaluation: salary, benefits, job performance, description, work agreement.	1/11	Mark / Board	1	\$600	Assessment
Participate in training sessions needed to keep staff up to date, particularly new staff.	7/10 - 6/11	Staff	4	\$1,000	Grants
Explore purchasing / constructing a building to house the FCD	7/10- 6/11	Mark / Board	4	\$1,000	Assessment
Attend NACD National Meeting in 2011	2011	Board/Staff	4	\$2,500	Assessment
Explore annexation of the City of Pasco and Kahlotus into FCD boundaries.	7/1/08 - 6/30/09	Mark / Board	2	\$500	Assessment

Program Area: *Education*

Goal(s): *By January 2015 have a demonstrated increase in: the number of people reached; number of education activities; and number of people performing conservation activities. By January 2015 have a demonstrated increase in the number of agreements with entities; and the number of people participating in programs & services.*

Funding Source(s): *Numerous (See details in notes column)*

Activities for FY2011	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
Booth at Farm Forum - Water Quality Theme.	1/11	Board / Staff	2	\$1,500	WSCC
Conduct Virtual Tour for Legislators.	12/10	Board / Staff	1	\$500	Assessment
Continue implementation and update of FCD Web site.	7/10 - 6/11	Heather	4	\$1,000	Assessment / Grants
Conduct Water on Wheels, Wheat Week, Salmon in the Classroom and Teacher Workshops throughout E & W Washington.	7/10 – 6/11	Kara	320	\$150,000	WWC / WSCC / Grants

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